



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

AGENDA

13 JUNE 2023

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

5.30	pm	COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING
6.30	pm	CLOSURE OF MEETING



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NOTICE OF MEETING

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**14 White Street
Brookton, WA 6306**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting of the Brookton Shire Council will be held on Tuesday 13th June 2023 in the Council Chambers at the Shire Administration Centre commencing at 5.30pm.

The business to be transacted is shown in the Agenda.

Gary Sherry
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7 June 2023

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1.06.23 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ATTENDANCE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5.30pm.

On behalf of Council, I would like to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Nyoongar People and pay respect to all Elders, past, present, and emerging. I wish to acknowledge and respect local people's continuing culture and the contribution they make to Country and its life.

Committee Members (Voting)

Tamara Lilly	Councillor (Chair)
June Harwood	Baptistcare – Kalkarni
Brad Fredericks	Brookton Police
Merilyn Marchesi	Brookton CWA
Anna Erickson	DPIRD
Murray Hall	Chief Bushfire Control Officer
Rodney Thornton	RoadWise (WALGA)
Adam Whitford	Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Michele Duxbury	Department of Communities
Bronwyn Herne	St Johns Ambulance
Jo-Ann De Marchi	SilverChain
Karen Tabner	Brookton District High School
William Wilkinson	Brookton Volunteer Fire & Rescue

Staff (Non-Voting)

Gary Sherry	Chief Executive Officer
Sandie Spencer	Local Recovery Coordinator/Executive Governance Officer
Jason Carrall	Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM)

Apologies received

Katrina Crute	Shire President
Phillip Crute	Brookton - St Johns Ambulance
David Johnstone	Brookton Police

2.06.23 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

That the minutes of the Local Emergency Management Committee meeting held in the Shire of Brookton Council Chambers, on 14th March 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

3.06.23 PRESENTATIONS

4.06.23 STANDING ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT EACH MEETING

4.06.23.01 UPDATE OF CONTACTS AND RESOURCES REGISTER

Member agencies are required to review the document and provide details of required updates before next meeting.

- Any changes required for the current contacts and resources register?

4.06.23.02 CHANGE OF POSITION/LEAVE AND ACTING ARRANGEMENTS – NOTIFICATION

1. Delegates & Proxy's:

Organisation	Delegate	Proxy
Baptistcare	June Harwood	Nil
WAPOL	David Johnstone	Brad Fredericks
Dept. Communities	Michele Duxbury	Joanne Spadaccini
Brookton Bushfire Brigade	CBFCO - Murray Hall	D/CBFCO - Travis Eva
BDHS	Karen Tabner	Kris Dewson-Hall
St Johns	Bronwyn Herne	
St Johns - Brookton	Phillip Crute	Cliff Fishlock
DFES	Adam Whitford	Blake Halford
DPIRD	Anna Erickson	
RoadWise	Rodney Thornton	Nil
SilverChain	Jo-Ann De Marchi	
Brookton VFRS	Scott Atkins	William Wilkinson
Shire of Brookton	SP - Katrina Crute	
Brookton CWA	Merilyn Marchesi	

4.06.23.03 INCIDENT SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVATIONS

Nil.

4.06.23.04 RISK PROFILE CHANGE

Nil.

4.06.23.05 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Nil.

4.06.23.06 LOCAL RECOVERY PLAN

The Local Recovery Plan Draft to be distributed at September meeting.

4.06.23.07 REPORT AND/OR DEBRIEF ON ANY LEMC EXERCISE(S)

Development and Approval of next financial year LEMC exercise scheduled (to be forwarded to relevant DEMC)

5.06.23 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.06.23.01 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS – CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

6.06.23 GENERAL BUSINESS

6.06.23.01 25 MARCH 2023 – STORM DAMAGE - DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The State Government has announced that the Shires of Beverley and Brookton are eligible for assistance through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). The Shires were impacted by an intense storm and associated flooding in late March this year and can now access disaster recovery funding.

Under these DRFA arrangements, assistance can be provided to eligible impacted individuals, small businesses, primary producers, state agencies and local governments. Assistance includes support for temporary living expenses, housing repairs, concessional loans for small businesses and farmers, freight subsidies and help for Councils to undertake emergency road repairs.

Staff are now able to prepare an application for recovery funding to the DRFA. This work will be completed by a contractor. Staff will investigate if there are any benefits in working with the Shire of Beverley.

With approval of this application, Council can commence the process of repairs, again by external contractors.

7.06.23 ATTENDEE REPORTS AROUND THE ROOM

8.06.23 EXERCISE - EVACUATION

Aim

To increase the understanding of the arrangements, planning, pre-planning, roles and responsibilities for community evacuation.

Capabilities

The focus of this exercise is to explore the capability of;

Emergency Response: Evacuation: 6.3. Agencies have the resources and skills to undertake both directed and voluntary evacuation of both people and animals.

During exercise discussion the capability of **Governance: EM Plans** will also be addressed.

Exercise Objectives

1. To raise awareness of roles and responsibilities, existing procedures and protocols that exist to for community evacuations.
2. To raise awareness regarding the importance of evacuation pre-plans.
3. To discuss existing processes and plans and identify any improvements that could be actioned to improve the emergency management arrangements within the Shire.

Special Idea 1 – Count Down to Impact

An *Emergency Warning* has been issued for a bushfire about to impact the community. An emergency evacuation has been called for...

Questions

(Discussion with the group as a whole)

- 1. How was the evacuation process activated?

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- 2. Who requests the evacuation

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- 3. Who is in charge of any evacuation?

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- 4. How will the decision to evacuate residents be communicated to the public? What key messages should communications include?

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- 5. Can people be forced to evacuate? If so how and what are the implications?

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Special Idea 2 – Planning the Evacuation

You have been tasked to be part of the team planning the evacuation.

- 1. List of the types of information you will need to know to plan the evacuation

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- 2. List some of the resources you will need to undertake the evacuation.

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- 3. What sources will you use to obtain the information needed to plan the evacuation.

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4. List some of the challenges with the evacuation

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Special Idea 3: Next Steps

1. Given your discussions in this evacuation phase; who do you think is responsible for evacuation planning, and what are some key components that should be considered?

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Summary and outcomes

Hot Debrief.

What key outcomes stood out to you today? Consider the dot points below;

- Were there any new effective ideas or strategies discussed that you think could be actioned?
- Were any significant gaps identified that you think should be actioned or noted for the future?
- Did this exercise reinforce any existing procedures or strategies that you feel could be highlighted and given greater priority?

*** Don't forget to include any COVID 19 specific issues.*

A brief report of outcomes to be tabled at your next LEMC meeting. Any queries or further suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me on the contact details as below.

9.06.23 FOR INFORMATION

9.06.23.01 DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD-IMPACTED AREAS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S WHEATBELT - MEDIA STATEMENT – 23 MAY 2023

Communities in Western Australia's central Wheatbelt region affected by an intense storm and associated flooding in late March this year can now access disaster recovery funding.

The shires of Beverley and Brookton are eligible for assistance through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Under these arrangements, assistance can be provided to eligible impacted individuals, small businesses, primary producers, state agencies and local governments.

Assistance includes support for temporary living expenses, housing repairs, concessional loans for small businesses and farmers, freight subsidies and help for Councils to undertake emergency road repairs.

The storm brought persistent heavy rainfall, hail and wind causing flooding, debris and damage to roads and other assets across the impacted region.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Murray Watt, said the assistance would help communities quickly get back to normal.

"Many local roads were closed due to flooding or damage, which can be really disruptive to communities, particularly in the regions," Minister Watt said.

"This latest activation means the local council, business owners, farmers and individuals can now access support to help with the recovery process."

Western Australian Minister for Emergency Services, the Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, thanked all the agencies, local governments and community members who were involved in the response.

"I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the government agencies, local governments and emergency service volunteers who worked together to ensure local communities were kept safe during this weather event," he said.

"Main Roads worked closely with the shires of Brookton and Beverley to coordinate the safe closure and reopening of impacted local roads and ensure the removal of debris and emergency road repairs were promptly carried out.

"The financial support announced today will assist the eligible Wheatbelt shires to cover the costs associated with removing debris and clean-up, as well as the repairs required to restore important local road networks."

9.06.23.03 \$38 MILLION IN FUNDING TO BOOST NATURAL DISASTER RECOVERY IN WA – MEDIA STATEMENT – 5 APRIL 2023
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- Multi-million-dollar programs to ensure WA can recover and rebuild from natural disasters faster
- 70 full-time staff to form State's biggest recovery team
- Funding to aid community recovery in the Kimberley following ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie

Western Australia's ability to respond to and recover from natural disasters will be strengthened with \$38.3 million set aside in the State Budget to fund WA's biggest-ever dedicated recovery team.

The funding recognises the increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters in WA, with flooding in the Kimberley, Severe Tropical Cyclone Seroja in the Mid-West and major bushfires in the Perth hills and regional WA in the past two years.

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson today announced a \$24.9 million investment which will enhance the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' ability to provide support following a natural disaster. Twenty-nine permanent full-time positions will be created to establish a sustainable State recovery capability.

A further \$13.4 million has been committed to fund a taskforce which will manage and support recovery in the Kimberley in the wake of flooding caused by ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie.

This funding will employ 20 full-time staff for two years while a further 12 full-time staff will be employed for 12 months.

Comments attributed to Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson:

"This significant increase in resources from the McGowan Government will provide the biggest dedicated recovery team Western Australia has ever had.

"It will enable DFES to meet the increased demand for State recovery by having more people on the ground, which will help communities recover and rebuild faster.

"The State Government is committed to making sure communities are flexible and resilient, making it easier for them to bounce back and recover from these devastating weather events."

9.06.23.03 INDEPENDENT REVIEW UNDERWAY TO STREAMLINE NATIONAL DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING – MEDIA STATEMENT – 3 FEBRUARY 2023

Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson has welcomed the Commonwealth's decision to commission an independent review into Australia's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to ensure the scheme meets the expectations of Western Australians.

The review - led by former National Bushfire Recovery Agency head Andrew Colvin APM OAM - will determine the strengths and weaknesses of the current system to help bolster WA's resilience to hazards like bushfires, cyclones or floods.

Communities recently impacted by disasters will be encouraged to have their say on what did and didn't work in accessing recovery funding through the current arrangements.

DRFA provides a range of practical assistance measures to support communities through the challenging recovery period.

State Governments are responsible for administering the DRFA assistance measures, with the Commonwealth reimbursing the State for up to 75 per cent of eligible costs.

Expected to be completed by 2024, the review seeks to address recommendations from the 2021 Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

The Royal Commission recommended a review of the DRFA to help identify roadblocks to applying and help streamline processes that slow down recovery payments.

Supporting continual efforts to improve WA's emergency management capabilities, the review will also examine what is needed to build Australia's resilience to an increasing number of extreme disaster events.

Several WA-led projects are already underway to strengthen the State's resilience to disasters including the establishment of a State Disaster Recovery working group, implementing a Community Disaster Resilience Strategy and developing an improvement plan for Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

Comments attributed to Emergency Services Minister Stephen Dawson:

"Disaster recovery is a complex and challenging process - everyone's recovery journey is different.

"This review is an important step forward in identifying what the State and Commonwealth can do to create a more efficient and simplified recovery funding model that works for all Australians.

"In many cases, the work has already started on several important projects that are set to have a major impact on the way our State manages disaster recovery.

"I thank Minister Watt for listening to concerns brought by the State Government and commissioning this review."

10.06.23	NEXT MEETING & CLOSURE
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- Tuesday 12th September 2023 – 5:30pm